

McGill Daily

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Fifteen Years of Undergraduate Journalism

A HISTORY OF THE MCGILL DAILY

McGill's first venture into undergraduate daily newspaperdom came in 1911 when William Ewart Gladstone Murray founded the *McGill Daily*. At least four undergraduate publications preceded the *Daily* on the campus. There are copies extant of the *Martlet*, the *Outlook*, the old *Fortnightly* and the still older *Gazette*. The *Gazette* was a monthly organ of more or less literary nature; the *Fortnightly* tended to specialize similarly, while the *Outlook* and the *Martlet*, more especially the latter, gave definite space to the presentation of news. These last two publications, incidentally, appeared once a week.

The large increase in McGill's registration and the consequent multiplication of student extra-curricular activities that began to make themselves felt about 1910 paved the way for the founding at McGill of a daily newspaper. *McGill Daily* first appeared on the campus with the opening of the 1911-12 term. Strictly speaking, it was not a daily, being issued four times a week. News was furnished the students on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only. In physical appearance the *Daily* of 1911 was much similar to that of its descendant of say two years ago. The front page contained advertisements, the two outside columns, both right and left, being devoted to this purpose. This left but two columns for news on the front page, for in those days the *Daily* boasted of only six columns to the page. Except on special occasions, the paper contained four pages.

A fondness for large headlines manifested itself in the early issues of the *Daily*. The use of spreads wherever possible was only natural on the part of editors who had hitherto been confined to the none too generous space limits of the *Martlet*. Exactly the same thing happened last year—the first year in which advertisements were deleted from the front page. For many months after the opening of the term in October, the *Daily* carried one, and more than often two seven column streamers at the head of page one.

In the first year of its existence the *Daily's* editorial appeared in the two centre columns of page two, underneath a masthead which did not include, for the first few weeks at any rate, the names of the editors, but merely the information that the paper was printed by the *Westmount News*. Occasionally we find the editorial column entirely lacking, as in the fifth and several subsequent issues.

While the news stories of the first few issues lack the "lead" which every newspaperman looks for, and were prolific with the word "we," which is taboo except in editorials, it was not long before the stories in the *Daily* assumed the traditional form. On October 14th, 1911, Varsity played and beat McGill in a rugby game at Toronto. The *Daily* of Monday carried an excellent story, "Special to McGill Daily." Even at this early date, Canada's oldest college daily enjoyed the luxury of special reports. This system was carried out with practically no improvement for the next fourteen years. It is only during the past session that the possibilities of special service have been developed, and certainly not yet to their fullest extent.

Under the masthead of issue number 46 is a short statement that editors since have many times found it necessary to repeat to over-officious executives around the campus—particularly where dances and dinners are concerned. This *pronunciamento* will bear repetition here. It reads: "No undergraduate organization which deliberately excludes the

official representative of this paper shall receive any notice of such proceedings in these columns—The Editor."

The fyles, which seem to be the only source of the *Daily's* history, reveal little if anything of its inner workings. Apparently however, there was no such thing as a Managing Editor. For some time, there was the Editor-in-chief and a board of ten or twelve associate editors.

The early days of the *Daily* were not ones of peace and quiet, for in 1913, the Editor-in-chief, Allen Oliver, feeling that a vote of non-confidence had been passed upon him by the Students' Council, resigned his office. In those days, the *Daily* had no representative on the Council, and so had no adequate means of presenting its claims or grievances to that body. The trouble in this particular case arose over the fact that the Council refused point blank and without reason, to finance the trip of two reporters to Toronto to cover a football game upon which depended an intercollegiate championship. Allen Oliver held that two men were required to cover a game of such importance as this particular one, and two centre columns of page two, underneath a masthead which did not he maintained his stand throughout. Finally two men did go. But they paid their own fares. The Students' Council did not seem to mind whether the game in Toronto was covered or not.

The *Daily* for the next week or so carried on in some mysterious way without a chief. The result was a distinct falling off in the calibre of the paper. After much consideration on the part of all concerned, the paper was placed in charge of two men, a Day Editor and a Night Editor. These two gentlemen, Messrs. Scott and Henry, later became joint Managing Editors, and Allen Oliver returned to the *Daily* as Sporting Editor.

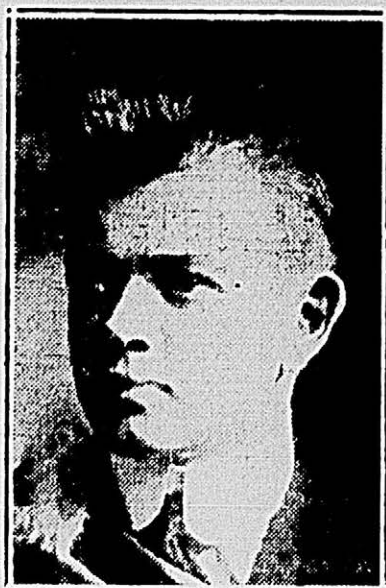
The *Montreal Daily Star* had evidently given considerable space to this controversy, which as far as McGill was concerned was certainly of no small importance. They predicted the suspension of the *Daily*. In reply to one of the *Star's* news items, the *Daily* carried the following editorial, "No." "The *Montreal Star* closes an article about us with the statement: 'It is possible the paper will be suspended.' It isn't."

Later on in its history the *Daily* had added to its list of officers, a president, a position which, with the opening of the sixteenth volume will once again have disappeared. The president of the *Daily*, in the first years of that office, was not a person who had been a member of the staff, but some outsider chosen by the Council to fill that position and represent the paper on the Council. This ridiculous system naturally gave rise to much dissatisfaction of the part of the *Daily* staff. There is a story told of one president, who had no journalistic knowledge whatsoever, being kicked bodily out of the *Daily* office after attempting to dictate policy to the editors. The fyles, unfortunately contain no substantiation of this tale. It is interesting to note, however, that in the year following the one in which this little incident is supposed to have taken place, the Council agreed that the President of the *Daily* should be a member of the *Daily* staff and not as an outsider.

In its early days the *Daily* was particularly well illustrated, and special numbers were not infrequent. What was particularly good was the appearance of cuts illustrating football games of Saturday in Monday morning's issue.

The advertisements and readers issued by the Red and White Revue

TWO EARLY EDITORS



W. E. G. Murray, who founded the *Daily* in 1911, and Allen Oliver, who resigned his editorship in 1913 after a series of differences with the Students' Council.



committee are constantly stressing the fact that the new monster production has evolved from a somewhat noisy theatre night of old. A most illuminating story in the forty-seventh number of the volume three of the *Daily* bears out their statement amply. The Theatre Night of 1913 seems to have been a particularly strenuous affair; as one reads the story some twelve years after it seems particularly ludicrous, but to those involved it must have been an attractive evening. What makes the matter more amusing to the present reader is the way in which the "story" of the event appeared on the front page of the *Daily* under a heavy three column head. The story begins with "When the *Daily* representative entered the theatre (it was the old Princess, by the way) he was immediately hit on the head by a pea." The show was broken up early in the evening and the undergraduates rushed to Molson Hall where a spread had been prepared for them. But they did not eat the food. Instead they commenced an indoor battle, throwing plates around the hall. It was not till the late Dean Moyse arrived and delivered a long address that the mob dispersed. Such was the Theatre Night of 1913 according to the *Daily* reporter who had been hit on the head by a pea.

In the same year we find on the *Daily's* sporting page a three column cartoon cut, representative of "HOCKEY," something that was discarded at the close of the 1913-14 session and not revived until the one just completed. During this session, too, the *Daily* evolved a special feature page which was known as the "DAILY'S SECOND PAGE." It contained, as well as the editorials, several special articles by students and other writers. The year 1913 also saw the birth of the rather useful "WHAT'S ON" column, which at that time was called "FUTURITIES."

The volume which followed, is of course replete with detail of the great war. By far the larger portion of the paper is devoted to one phase or another of the great strife. The direction of this section of the paper was in the hands of several Military Editors who saw that everything of interest to those at home was featured. There were detailed accounts of the local contingent of the C.O.T.C., which numbered among its members, it will be remembered, several professors. Co-operating with Ottawa the *Daily* was able to publish every day that column that many consulted with fear and trembling, read sometimes with a sigh of relief and often too with a sigh of anguish—The Casualty List.

But there was the brighter side even to that ominous cloud—and sports during the first year of the war still held much of their old importance on the campus. It was evident that the full meaning of the struggle had not yet dawned on Old McGill, though many of her sons were already in mud covered khaki in the trenches of France. Football still held sway, and we find a special column devoted to short paragraphs on the game and the chatty little talks on the individual players and chances of roping in the intercollegiate title.

The column was called "GRIDIRON GRIST" and was edited by a gentleman who hid behind the pseudonym of Field Goal—the ancestor if you like, of the present Gridiron Gus.

The *Daily* found time during this busy year to wage a very decided campaign—not for any sort of charity, but for what the editors of the day felt was an absolute necessity to the University—A School of Journalism. Special articles by prominent writers, statesmen, politicians and experts along every conceivable line. By far the greater part of these was in favour of the establishment of a School or at any rate a definite course in journalism here. Then they asked Dr. Stephen Leacock to express his views on the subject and Dr. Leacock couldn't see why under the sun the University needed a School of Journalism. He felt that the courses offered in the Faculty of Arts were the best possible training for any one who wanted to be a journalist.

Dr. Leacock notwithstanding, the campaign went on. But, as we all know it never materialized. The nearest approach to a course in journalism ever given at this University was when a course of extension lectures was delivered on the subject by Mr. E. J. Archibald, Executive Editor of the *Montreal Daily Star*.

Let us turn for just one moment to another interesting aspect of the *Daily's* history. It is probably not generally known that in the second year of its existence, the *Daily's* editor-in-chief received a salary for his services. When the third season opened, however Allen Oliver, whom we have already mentioned in another connection, refused to accept the honorarium. The Students' Council had decreed that the session 1913-14 was to be one of "economy and retrenchment" and Allen Oliver wished to help them out. Two interesting points are here brought to light. The first is that the phrase "economy and retrenchment" which was dinned continuously in our ears during the early days of the current session did not originate with the present Council, as many supposed. It was born in October 1913.

And the second point is this: Allen Oliver, you will recall, asked the Council to send two reporters to Toronto in view of the fact that a game of prime importance was to be played there. The Council arbitrarily and without reason refused. And this after Oliver had refused a salary to which he was entitled. There is no need to draw any conclusions here.

At the risk of being accused of digressing somewhat from the "History of the *McGill Daily*," it might be well to point out here that there are very few college newspapers at the present time the editors of which do not get a definite salary for their work. In many cases emolument is extended to persons other than the editor-in-chief. The *Daily*, however, has never asked that a similar system be installed here, nor is it likely to for many years to come.

From 1915 to 1918, the *Daily*, naturally enough, was filled with war news. Sport went by the boards. There was little, if any, other activity around the campus. The men in France were all important, and the *Daily* was devoted to their interests and to the interest of their friends at home. With the final number of volume four, there was issued a magnificent War Supplement. This supplement was printed on coated paper and contained an extraordinarily large number of illustrations, as well as a number of specially contributed articles. Among the contributors was, of course, Stephen Leacock, always ready to write for undergraduate publications.

With the coming of the long-awaited cessation of hostilities in 1918, the *Daily* threw off its war uniform and quickly adapted itself to the conditions of peace-time—to the revival of sport and other activity. Physically, it still plied its way in the traditional cloak of four pages, the first covered with advertisements. There were no changes, or none of any importance, in the manner of presenting the news. The headlines were the same, and articles of the same nature were usually to be found in an expected section of the sheets. "Quips," a column which has since

sunk into oblivion, was a prominent feature. Those who remember it remember it as a column that was eagerly looked forward to—only so long as it did not contain any reference to yourself. It is worthy of note, that none other than Professor Algie S. Noad had for some time the direction of this column. Professor Noad, by the way, is the only person, according to available record, who held the position of editor-in-chief of the *Daily* for two years. About the same time as Professor Noad was actively connected with the University sheet, we find Professor Farthing and Mr. MacDermott bending their energies to the old *Daily*.

Let us commit the indiscretion of stealing a few glances into the minute book of the *Daily*, which unhappily for our purpose goes back only as far as 1920. At not less than half the meetings of the editors, the constitution of the paper was discussed. Alterations were always being suggested; these alterations were nearly always made.

First one point and then another had to be changed. A glance at any of the obsolete constitutions of the *Daily* reveals the reason for this course of action. Our old constitution-makers seemed to devote all their time to overloading with detail those sections treating of the internal management of the *Daily*. With the growth of the experience of the members of the board, and as new members were added, new ideas as to the management permeated. And so the constitution had to be altered, in order to allow of the changes that the editors desired to make. As it stands now, the *Daily's* constitution pays practically no attention to internal management, leaving that rather to the whims and caprices of the annually changing boards of editors. What has been done, has been to define clearly the relation of the *Daily* to the Students' Executive Council, so that the present constitution is definite where clear definition is most required, and easily pliable where facility of interpretation is productive of the best general result.

But our surreptitious glances into the sacred domains of the minute book reveal nothing else of interest. Night editors are being constantly admonished by their immediate superiors to carefully read all copy submitted; to see that all headlines "balance," to see to this and to that.

If at any times there have been discord and misunderstanding in the editorial department, the advertising department of the *Daily* has not been spared. Only once, however, did anything serious happen in that direction. But that once was sufficient. To go into all details of what happened in January 1922 is not necessary. Suffice is to say that the Advertising Manager, Leslie M. Roberts, mismanaged rather than managed and got the *Daily* into a pretty tight hole. The upshot was the suspension of publication for a week, until the atmosphere cleared somewhat, after which the paper was taken over by an advertising agency for the remainder of the term.

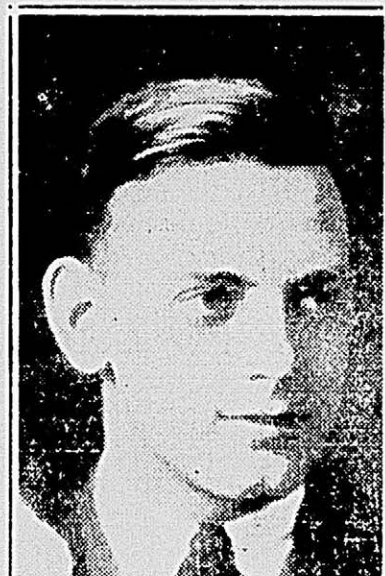
In the fall of 1922 the *Daily* was able to secure the services of

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TWO LATER EDITORS



Algie Noad, the only man, according to records, who has been editor-in-chief of the *Daily* twice, and Jack O'Brien, who was at the helm during the trouble of 1922.



A Survey of Undergraduate Activity

By B. C. MacLean, President of the Students' Council, 1924-25 and 1925-26.

To the Members of the Students Society:—

It is admitted generally that a University has a multiple purpose — intellectual education, social training and athletic development, with the intellectual purpose predominant. The social training has many phases, and it is with this channel of college activity which a body such as the Students' Executive Council has mainly to deal. A similar organization exists in every large university on this continent, and in each case has been formed in order:

1st—To represent the student body to the governing bodies of the University.

2nd—To supervise extra curricular activities and interests.

3rd—To provide a means of discipline in the maintenance of undergraduate regulations and order.

4th—To legislate for the general welfare of the student body.

At McGill the problem of the Students' Council is mainly a financial one, since, of the \$17.00 which each male undergraduate student pays as a Universal fee, only \$6.00 is received by the Council to carry on the many activities which are now under its supervision and control. The revenue from the universal fee has decreased considerably during the past two years on account of the smaller registration, and the following figures will be interesting to many armchair statesmen of the campus:—

Registration Council share of Universal Fee.

1923-24	1,832	\$10,992
1925-26	1,672	\$10,056

The criticism is sometimes made that there is too much centralization, but it should be realized that only by centralization of financial control is it possible for many activities, which are of necessity not self-supporting, to exist. The Canadian Club and the Debating Society may be cited as examples, and the Council must employ any profits which it receives, for example, from the operation of the *Daily*, the Red and White Revue, or the *Annual*, to carry on these other organizations whose function is so important, but from which there is no revenue. And the centralized control is almost altogether one of finance, since the executive of each organization enjoys every possible latitude in the direction of its activity. It will perhaps be obvious that expenditure involving contract is always less when a responsible central body is dealt with. In addition, general office expenses and the salaries of the Secretary, Mr. Fletcher, of the assistant Secretary, Miss Heasley, and part of the salary of a stenographer, must be paid by the Students' Council.

During the past two years an attempt has been made to render as great a service as possible to the student body without any increase in the Universal fee. With this object, a *Student Directory* has been published, and Employment Bureau established, the Scarlet Key Society and Players' Club were organized, and the publication of the *McGill Handbook* was taken over by the Students' Council. Each of these will be dealt with, in turn, in this report, but it may be opportune to emphasize here that only by strict attention to economy of operation and detail of expense, is it possible to carry on so many branches of work with so limited an income. Occasionally, extra means are employed to increase revenue as instanced, 1, by the organized sale of McGill Song Book (under the able direction of Mr. Godine), to the freshman year, through advertising in the graduate quarterly, the *McGill News*, to graduates and, 2, the acquisition of the selling rights (exclusive of programmes) at the Stadium. The latter venture should, if the present arrangement with the Athletic Board is continued, in time, provide a considerable revenue. A canteen hut was generously and anonymously donated to the Council by a company whose founder was one of McGill's greatest benefactors, but even this was subject to silly and childish criticism by misinformed muddlers in the correspondence columns of the *Daily*. Included among them was a graduate who piously deplored the fact that undergraduates "were selling refreshments and tobacco in a canteen donated by a Montreal tobacco company."

The autonomy of student government at McGill is frequently the subject of comment and comparison with other large universities. The present system of Council organization has worked well, but the scope of the Council has now enlarged so much that a more fair and effective representation might be effected by the addition to the Council of a representative of the *Annual*, of the *Revue* and of the Musical Association. Or

the alternative might be the formation of a Publications Board (to include the *Daily*, *Annual*, *Handbook* and *Directory*), and a Dramatic Committee (embracing both *Revue* and Players' Club), each with a representative on the Council.

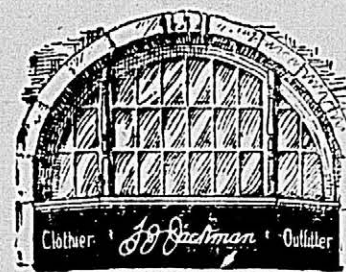
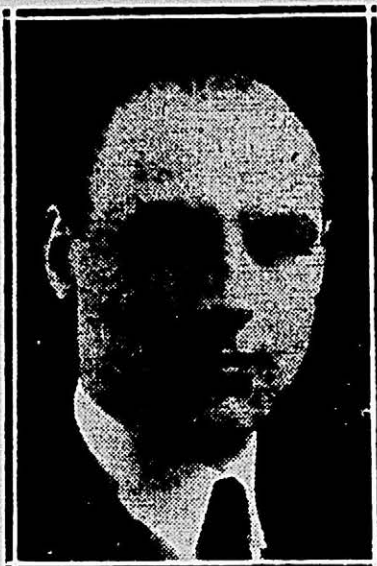
Perhaps, as one who first has held the office of President of the Students' Council for two terms, I may, before reporting on separate activities, be permitted some observations on other aspects of student life.

ATHLETIC FEE.

The athletic fee of \$10.00 has been the subject of considerable protest during the first two years of its operation, but a survey of the work of the Athletic Board, attendance at games and general increase of scope and activity will prove the wisdom and necessity of such a contribution to the expenses of athletics. And the recent referendum of the whole student body which resulted in a 70% vote in favour of its retention is more than sufficient to warrant its continuance.

UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETIES.

Each undergraduate society receives \$1.00 of the \$17.00 Universal (Continued on Page 12.)



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The Session 1925-26

By J. A. NICHOLSON
UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR

The session now drawing to a close may be fairly classed as uneventful. Nothing has occurred out of the ordinary to give it a distinctive character; no new courses were inaugurated at the outset, no important changes made in old ones and no outstanding academic function held.

New Buildings.

True, a new building had been erected, although not fully completed, by the time the session began—an addition to the Engineering Building for the Electrical Engineering department. This addition has been erected on the foundation of the old smithy and foundry and is three stories in height, each floor with an area of more than 4000 square feet. On the first of the three floors is the main electrical engineering laboratory for Third and Fourth Year students of the Department, and on the second floor a corresponding laboratory for students other than those in Electrical Engineering. In the third storey are located the offices of the staff of the department, a departmental library and two smaller laboratories, one of which is to be used in connection with the new course in Communication Engineering. The space formerly occupied by the old smithy and foundry has been utilized to provide extra accommodation for the high voltage laboratory and for the Mechanical Engineering Department which has also taken possession of some of the room previously used for electrical laboratories in the Engineering Building, which are now, as already stated, concentrated in the new addition. The building was erected at a cost of \$80,000, towards which the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company contributed \$25,000, the Shawinigan Water and Power Company contributed \$15,000, and the Bell Telephone and Northern Electric Companies \$7,500 each.

Here, too, is doubtless the place to make note of the long-awaited and much needed re-construction of the Arts Building, work on which has already begun. The plans call for practically a new building behind the front walls, which are to remain intact, with the exception of the portico. This will be extended forward slightly, built wholly of stone and made to conform to the true principles of Doric architecture. The whole is to be completed by the opening of next session. The main feature of the building will be the Moyse Hall, constructed under the Lord Atholstan endowment of \$100,000, and capable of seating 500 people. The exceptionally rapid growth of the Faculty of Arts during the past two or three years, and the unhygienic and really unsafe condition of the building induced the Governors to provide for the erection of a structure large enough to accommodate the growing numbers and up-to-date in every particular. The old front is being retained, partly for sentimental reasons and partly too because it is more or less prepossessing in appearance.

Owing to the lack of funds the Governors are unable to proceed with the erection of the gymnasium and dormitories, which are almost as urgently needed. Indeed, not enough is in hand for the completion of even the Arts Building and it is quite evident a financial campaign will soon have to be undertaken to provide for this deficiency and to enable the University to meet its other needs along the same line.

Extension Lectures.

A great number and variety of courses have been given during the session under the Extension Department, and the public have in the majority of cases freely availed themselves of the opportunities for improvement thus provided. With the exception of one course which was regularly carried on in Quebec City and a few lectures given under the auspices of outside organizations at irregular intervals elsewhere, the activity of the Department has been confined to Montreal. Lectures were given by members of the staff on such subjects as—Accountancy, Biology, English, Ethics, History, Latin, Metallurgy and Assaying, Music, the Story of Science, Sound, Psychology, Social Problems, Spanish, Home Economics, as well as a short series for children during the Christmas holidays on some common phenomena. Apart from these, however, several short courses were given by outside specialists, among the number being a series of four lectures by prominent workers in the field of social science. One of the courses which attracted most attention was that on Town Planning, on one phase or other of which lectures were delivered by Dr. W. D. Lighthall, Mr. Clinton Rogers Woodruff of Philadelphia, Dr. A. Grant Fleming, Professors French, Nobbs, Traquair and Dawson, and Messrs. John M. Kitchen, James Ewing and F. A. Combe.

Again, in response to a constant demand from organizations of different kinds, both in the City and at outside points, many lectures and addresses were given by members of the staff, chief among them being the Principal, Deans Ira MacKay, Martin, H. M. Mackay, Thornton and

Perrin, and Professors Waugh, Day, Derick, Leacock, Lloyd, Traquair and Carless.

Occasional Lectures.

I think it is safe to say that never in the history of the University have so many opportunities been given both citizens and students to hear distinguished men and authorities from outside on special subjects, as has been the case during the past session. Among those who have thus contributed were the following:—Bliss Carman, Dr. Clayton Hamilton, an ex-professor of Columbia University; Thomas Que Harrison, of New York, on "Youth Movements for World Peace"; J. Loe Strachey, Editor of the London *Spectator*; Professor Pierre Lepaulle, of the University of Paris, on "Comparative Law"; J. C. Maxwell Garnett, General Secretary of the League of Nations Union of England; Professor Humphreys, Head of the Department of Meteorology in the United States, on "Clouds and Cloud Phenomena"; Sir John Power, M.P.; Professor F. D. Bower, of Glasgow University, on "Mechanical Problems of Plant Life"; Dr. Winfield Scott Hall, of Northwestern University, on "Efficient Manhood and Womanhood"; Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, President of Leland Stanford University, on "Racial Contact and World Problems on the Pacific"; Sir Frederick Dutton, Vice-President of the British Colonial Institute, on "Empire Unity"; A. Glen Madill, B.A., of the Dominion Observatory, on "Terrestrial Magnetism," and Dr. Gilbert Bagnani, on "Roman Archaeology." These lectures were delivered, some under the auspices of the Extension Department, a number under the McGill Students' Canadian Club, and others under other University organizations. Departmental student clubs and associations have done their part in this connection through open meetings, when prominent men were invited to address them. The Commercial Society has been particularly active in this respect. Through their instrumentality an opportunity was given to hear Chancellor Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, T. B. Macaulay, Esq., President of the Sun Life Assurance Company, Dr. D. M. Marven economist of the Royal Bank of Canada and Mr. R. P. Jellett, Assistant General Manager of the Royal Trust Company.

Museums.

In the course of the year a departure was made in the method of administration of the University Museums, and to this end it was decided to collect, as far as possible, co-related museum specimens in one place, seeing that the Redpath Museum is not capable of accommodating all the material which is in possession of the University, much of which was obtained when the Natural History Museum was taken over. In accordance with this decision the Anthropological and Ethnological specimens will be found in the Medical Building (under the name of the Strathcona Museum) in the space formerly occupied by the Museum of Pathology, which moved to the Pathological Institute on its opening. The Zoological and Geological specimens will continue to be housed in the Redpath Museum. Historical documents and allied material will be located in the McCord Museum, and a variety of articles in the University Library, in connection with special Libraries, such as the Emma Shearer Wood Library on Ornithology. To this library Dr. Casey Wood has recently contributed large numbers of silver coins, silver daggers, manuscripts, drug boxes and many other rare and curious articles which have been found or purchased by him in the course of his archaeological researches in Ceylon during the year. It should be mentioned here that an experiment was made during the winter in the opening of the McCord Museum on Sundays for a period of one month to give the public an opportunity of viewing the Indian collection of Mr. H. H. Baines. The large numbers who took advantage of this opportunity justified the decision. Whether or not there is any likelihood of this being made a regular thing, for any or all museums, is a matter for conjecture.

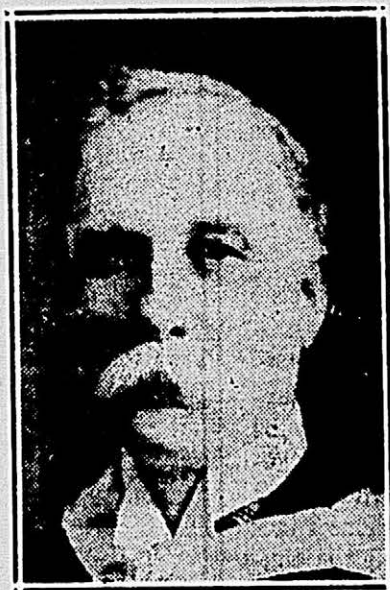
Benefactions.

The most important donation received during the session was one of \$10,000 a year for five years from the Laura Spelman Rockefeller fund for a Nursery School, or Child Laboratory, to demonstrate the best methods of training and developing the infant child. The School has enrolled 18 children, ranging in age from 21 months to five years. It was opened on February 1st by Dr. Helen T. Woodley, Assistant Director of Psychology of the Merritt Palmer Institute of Detroit, and is conducted in one of the University Buildings recently acquired, number 814 University Street. The next most important gift was one of \$5,000 a year for five years from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, for the purpose of asking a survey of Canadian industrial hygienic conditions with a view to developing a national plan for preventive medicine.

Change in the Staff.

The changes in the staff have been few. Professor Basil Williams resigned to accept the Professorship of History in Edinburgh University, in succession to Sir Richard Lodge; Professor William Lochhead, at Macdonald College, retired on account of ill health; Professor S. B. Slack, having reached the age at which a pension is procurable, also re-

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Dr. J. A. Nicholson

The Class of 1926

With the coming of another spring, the members of McGill classes are about to leave the university and go out into the world, to become rich or poor, famous or infamous, much the same as the rest of humanity—yet not quite the same.

The first university degree was conferred in the Faculty of Medicine on the 24th of May, 1833, four years after the opening of the College, upon William Logie. The letter from the secretary of the Medical School to Principal Mountain with reference to the conferring of the degree is quoted by Dr. MacMillan in his book on the story of McGill.

"I am directed by the Medical Faculty of the University to inform you that Mr. William Logie of Montreal, after having produced to the Secretary of the Faculty credentials entitling him, was examined, as the Statutes, Rules and Ordinances of the College direct, touching his Classical knowledge and then got a general examination on all branches of Medical and Surgical Science. The Medical Faculty found him well qualified to practice Medicine and Surgery and accordingly have announced to him that they will forward his name to the Governors to obtain the Degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery.

A glance at the list of university graduates shows that until 1849, all degrees conferred were in the Faculty of Medicine. In that year the first of the Arts men—men of McGill College—graduated. The following year saw men going out from Law and from the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research. In '58 Applied Science sent forth the first group of McGill Plumbers. Twenty years later degrees were being conferred in Veterinary Science. The degree of B. Arch., D.D.S., B.S.A. B. Com., and Music Bac. are not found in the lists until after the turn of the century.

The numbers graduating has slowly been increasing, year by year, throughout the century of the university's existence until now the figures come round the five or six hundred mark. This year, owing to the change in the Commerce Course from three to four years, there is no graduating class in that department. However the business world will probably get along until the spring of '27. Another significant feature connected with this year's graduation is the fact that the class of Arts '26 is the last class to go out from the Old Arts Building which dates from 1846.

ARTS

That class contains "all sorts and conditions of men" if any class ever did. Men from every walk of college life, and several who only

saunter, but who, nevertheless, have made things extremely interesting at times, are to be found in this collection of undergraduates. Perhaps the dominating characteristic of the class taken as a whole has been a tendency toward politics. However that may be, the university loses many a man that will be missed from undergraduate activity when the Arts '26 men are capped in the last days of May.

The president of the class in this its senior year has been Dave Logan, "Mr. Rowing Club." Connected with many college activities, Dave's work in building up the Rowing Club and guiding it from the most humble and unsatisfactory beginnings to its present promising position, is undoubtedly his most signal achievement, and his record here is one of which any man might well be proud.

A previous class president is the versatile Bill Shepherd, who has debated for his college and worked on the Arts Undergrad executive. He did wonderful work as president of the Music Club when he had charge of the Burke concert last year, and this year he has been president of the Musical Association. Bill was editor-in-chief of *Old McGill*, 1926. And that is not all. This session he was general manager of the Red and White Revue. All of which means that Bill has been fairly busy since he took his first lecture in the old Arts Building.

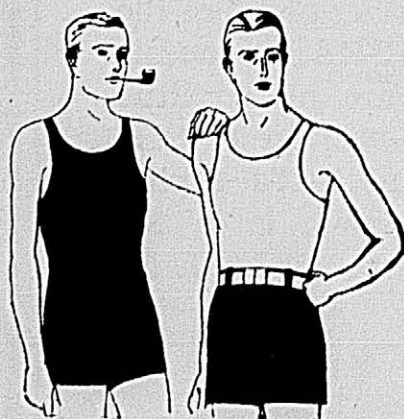
With Bill, as Producer of the Revue, was Graeme Gorrie who also once was president of his class. Graeme has played junior, intermediate and senior football, being intermediate captain last year. For several years he has been Barrymoring, both in the old Theatre Nights, and in the late Revue.

One of the classes' staunchest upholders of Liberalism is the eminent economist and promising young statesman, Frank Godine, who has been a member of that much-criticized body, the Students' Council. Frank has been class vice-president and secretary of the Political Economy Club.

The president of the Arts Undergraduate Society, Bob MacLeod, has been made a night editor of the *Daily*, on the S.C.A. Board and the Psychological Society executive. Other *Daily* night editors in Arts '26 have been Jim Brierley, Les Copland and Lyman Williams. Jim distinguished himself last year when as Advertising Manager of the Annual he tore about the village in search of ads. He has been manager of the Harriers, secretary of the Historical Club and is permanent secretary of the class. Les was this year S.C.A. president and has been class secretary and treasurer of the Cercle. Lyman, secretary of the Music Club, is probably best known as an ardent supporter of private ownership—particularly of railways.

It is not the same with the class's Third Internationale enthusiast, Heine Novick, who has gained considerable prominence in the columns of a down-town paper for his part in the Campus Group discussions.

Two eminent Fortnightly Reviewers are of this year, in the persons of A. P. R. Coulborn and Allan Brockway Latham. Coulborn was presi-



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dent of the Player's Club and Latham vice-president of the Economics Club for the past year.

This year's handy-man, and next year's managing editor of the college sheet (alleged to have been referred to in rather distinguished circles as "the Bolshevik element" thereof) has been Ted Harris who unfortunately was unable to accept his nomination for the position of cheer leader. Ted is pre-eminently a *Daily* man, but he has also found time to ride with the C.O.T.C. cavalry, to work as business manager of the Annual and to be secretary-treasurer of the Players' Club—and other things. He is class valedictorian.

Speaking of cheer leaders, Reg Cowan and Bill Hewetson, both of this class, have done their bit in leading the so-called thundering thousand of McGill.

Then there is that student whose name must be familiar to all readers of the *Daily*, which has hoped for some time to get out an edition of "The Life and Letters of J. Arthur Hambly."

A leading historian of the class is Ralph Tennant, president of the Historical Club, of which Larry Smith, next year's hockey manager, is Secretary. In the realm of economics, the name of Alan MacNaughton must not be forgotten, while that name immediately reminds one of Malcolm McNaughton, sometimes termed the "fighting fool." Another economist who gives promise of becoming a most successful pedagogue is the genial Earl Swift, who loves to discourse on the glories of cotton, molasses—and rum.

Then there is Joe Dainow of the Cercle, and Dick Brown who served on the Union House, and Bogante the French debater and Doushkess, the co-eds' fencing instructor and many others. In athletics the class has been well represented. Forsyth is a senior water poloist—a big man: Warren Hurd was captain of the Track team, of which Miller Hyde was manager, and has been a snowshoer of note. Martineau the laughing cavalier, has been heavyweight boxing and wrestling champ. Becker has been an intercollegiate gymnast for several years. Paul Smith, Mac McGerrigle and Herb Murphy have been on the senior hockey team (regarding which sextette someone in New York was overheard to remark, "They're all French!") Murphy also wore the red and white on the gridiron with the senior squad, and distinguished himself this year at His Majesty's with his charming song, "Her eyes they were—." Many more names might be mentioned. But there is enough to indicate the representative character of the class.

And, finally, in conclusion we have wee Douglas Cameron Adam, who in his day has played many parts—and been called by many names.

MEDICINE

Not least among the illustrious men who have carried the name of McGill into the far corners of the earth have been the graduates in Medicine. Since its beginnings as the Montreal Medical Institution, established by four Edinburgh graduates, attending physicians at the General, in 1824 and its first connection with the university as its Faculty of Medicine five years later, this school has had among its graduates and professors some of the leading physicians of the world.

It has been recently stated that the Med. undergrads, for various reasons, cannot be as closely connected with the general student life of the university as the men of other faculties. There may be some truth in this, but no one can deny that year after year many of the most important and responsible of undergraduate offices have been filled by men from Medicine. This year certainly has seen no exception to that rule.

First and foremost among the Meds playing prominent parts in student activity is—of course—Basil MacLean for two years President of the Students' Executive Council, the highest office in the gift of the undergraduate body. The very fact that B.C., after his first term was chosen by acclamation for a second, should vouch for his ability. His work speaks for itself. Under him, the Council has done great things, and has handled the many varied activities coming under its jurisdiction in a most able and business-like manner. When he graduates, the Students' Society loses one of its greatest chiefs; there is no doubt about that.

Basil first came to McGill 'way back in 1915, when most of the rest of us were seriously considering our chances of graduating from kindergarten, but illness forced him to give up his college work, and for four years he was sailing the seas as a wireless operator, returning to the university in the fall of '21 and becoming in his sophomore year the president of his class. Next year the Meds. elected him their representative on the Union House Committee, and it was in this capacity that Basil originated the famous Pierre whose likeness and whose sayings gained a regular place in the advertising columns of the *Daily*, long before anyone heard of Gridiron Gus. In that same session Basil was president of the Osler Society, and was chosen Publicity Manager of the Red and White Revue, a position which he once more was to fill in the following year. It was in the spring of '24 that Basil was elected President of the Council by one of the most sweeping majorities ever recorded in the annals of undergraduate voting. For a year he wore the crown, and proved his qualities of leadership and efficiency; and when next elections drew near he was finally persuaded to stand for office again, being elected by acclamation. After two years of piloting McGill's undergraduate ship of state, B. C. should find curing the ills of the world a comparatively simple job. That old world, by the way, should watch out for B. C.'s practical jokes.

The Red and White rugby captain last fall goes out with Med. '26



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when that ancient warrior Noolie Philpott becomes Dr. Philpott. Noolie came to McGill many years ago after having captained the football team of one of Ontario's most famous athletic prep schools, the Hamilton Collegiate Institute. He used to play in the backfield alongside of such gridiron stars as Flanagan, and then was sent up to outside, where he played during the past season. One fall, when the time came to hang up the football togs, Noolie decided to go in for basketball, and he gained a place on the senior squad, and a name for himself as a basket-getter. His curves and slants, when he pitched for Med. '26 indoor baseball team, had a lot to do with bringing the title to his class. A year ago he was vice-president of the Union.

"Bozo Manson," says "Gridiron Gus," with Bouch Boucher the honour of being the best linesman in Canada. It was a fortunate day for the senior rugby squad, when Bozo decided to turn from English rugby to the Canadian game, for his line plunging and ground-gaining ability has made him a star in many an intercollegiate encounter. The big boy has also been a star on the basketball floor. In 22-23 he was captain of the quintette and president of the C.I.B.U. In the past session he was Medical representative on the Students' Council.

"Bouch Boucher," says "Gridiron Gus," shares with Bozo Manson the honour of being the best linesman in Canada. One need only read some of Gridiron Gus's immortal works to learn that as a secondary-defence man Bouch has had few equals. His graduation means a big loss to the Red and White. Like Philpott and Manson, Boucher also has played senior basketball, and like them he also was a member of Med. '26's championship indoor baseball outfit. In an earlier day he was interfaculty boxing champion at his weight.

This year's secretary of the Union was that man from the west who heads the class list because his name is the first two letters of the alphabet, Bill Abey. Before being elected secretary, Bill had served on the Union House Committee as representative of his faculty. He has been on his class executive and the Med. Dance executive, and as an interfaculty rugbyist it is reported that he was "pretty good too".

Sheldon MacLean has had a busy time during his connection with McGill undergrad activity. Coming from Dal he has been on the executives of his class, the Physiological Society, the Maritime Club, the Med. Undergrad and the Masonic Club, and has done a great deal of work not gaining much public recognition. This year he was Publicity Manager of the Red and White Revue.

The college 147 pound wrestling championship has been held by a Med. '26 man, Eric MacNaughton, who was in 1923 manager of the B. W. and F. He also has served on the undergrad executive.

Cliff Menzie, whose merry men have provided the music for many a function at which McGill undergrads have "chased the flying hours..." is another noted member of the class.

And there are several others, among them Art Proctor, the water-boy, Cliff Smith who used to sit in the night editor's chair at the Daily, J. J. Wall the undergrad president, Charlie Fullerton the track manager, and so on. Then to make a good ending let us have Haig and Haig!

SCIENCE.

Civils entered their finals this year in high glee, having come through the mid-term without a scratch. Guy Rinfret, a humdinger and class valedictorian as well as Vice-president of the new Civil Society will immediately engage in consulting practice. Freddy Salters, "The Yank," who has never been known to pass up a bid to tea is holding out for a bid to work. He and Charles "Pigot" Peezho, his inseparable companion are contemplating an opposition to Rinfret. Hugh Leitch, Grand Old Man of Science, entered college about the same time as Dean MacKay. He will enter the Drivo Company. It will then produce more h—d— in a day than any other construction co. in a year. Les Parsons, "Moby Dick" entered college in the dark ages. During this time he has played on the senior football team, champions 1919, water polo (captain) 25-26, intercollegiate champs. He will also enter Drivo Company. "Poker Face" Gib Norton, who has never known to get sore in the last five years and who never lost his Quaker City twang, told the boys he may go South to Memphis-Tennessee. Of "Count" Kyle it is rumored that he may be retained by the faculty to organize a parlour rugby team next year after being watched performing as science football manager and water polo expert. Phil Gross, "the little boy" will open an office on McGill College Avenue. His shingle will read, "Expert on Sewerage Disposal." Henry I. Mulligan, D.D., holds the record at McGill for the standing broad expectation. His advertisement having brought no suitable partner with which to crash the social gate he will trek due north. Cecil Bates and Jim Creighton came to McGill last fall to uphold the honour of the Canadian Army. They are frequently seen in the library where, purely by mental effort, they fight over old battles and enjoy the smell of smoke.

The Electricals again hold the honour of being the largest section of the class of Science '26. As a result of this, there should be very few

Harold Marmaduke Williams, the grey-haired old timer of Kem Kraft, will return, on graduation, to his studies relating to the green dye in salt water. Doug Converse, impromptu cheer-leader at college games, will spend much time in designing an all-year-round coloured coat for campus wear. W. T. D. Ross and Eric Lusby, after four to six years labour will attempt to improve on the faculties and flavour of lip-stick, one in Pictou and the other in Vancouver. Morris Katz and Frank Hodina have remained steadfastly at work throughout the year despite

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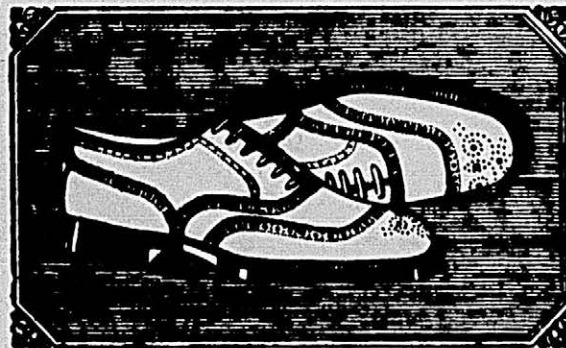
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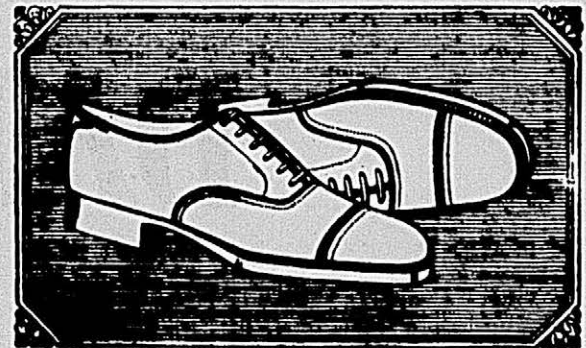
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The editors of the *Daily* have always laboured under the impression that it is a generally known fact that practically every college on this continent had a newspaper of its own. Realizing their error, they planned

an article dealing with the history, development and organization of some of the more outstanding college papers. The completion of this plan was however rendered impossible for the present, due to the fact that only a small part of the required data has been obtained up till now.

In order to clear up to a very limited extent, however, any misconception that may exist as to the great rarity of the college newspaper, the *Daily* presents here the title pages of a few of them. It is expected that the editors will be able to develop this interesting topic during the next session.

The Session 1925-26

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signed. New appointments were made as follows:—Dr. Harold Hibbert to be Professor of Industrial and Cellulose Chemistry under the bequest of the late Mrs. E. B. Eddy; Carleton W. Stanley, M.A., a graduate of the Universities of Toronto and Oxford, to be Associate Professor of Greek; A. R. Adair, M.A., a graduate of Cambridge University, to be Associate Professor of History; S. W. Bliss, M.A., Ph.D., to be Assistant Professor of Bio-Chemistry; T. R. Parsons, M.A., to be Assistant Professor of Medical Research (Bio-physics), and Lancelot T. Hogben, D.Sc., to be Assistant Professor of Zoology. Promotions were made as follows: G. S. H. Barton, B.S.A., to be Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, W. T. Waugh, M.A., to be Kingsford Professor of History and Head of the Department; C. H. Carruthers, M.A., to be Associate Professor of Classics and Lecturer in Comparative Philology; R. R. Thompson, A.M.C.A., to be Associate Professor of Accountancy and H. D. Brunt, Ph.D., to be Associate Professor of English at Macdonald College.

Three members of the Staff died during the year:—Dr. F. Slater Jackson, Assistant Professor of Histology on October 3rd, 1925, Dr. Gordon S. Mundie, Lecturer in Psychiatry on April 7th, 1926 and Dr. Louis A. Herdt, Professor of Electrical Engineering on April 11th, 1926. It might be mentioned here incidentally that four students died during the session, namely:—Aylmer Livingstone Morris, Third Year Law, President of the McGill Canadian Club; David B. Keir, a double course student (Arts 4, Medicine 1); Nathan Fish, P. G. and Charles Morris Holt, Arts 2.

Changes in Curriculum.

The principal departure in this connection is a change in the requirements for admission to Dentistry. Those desiring to enter on this study will hereafter be obliged to complete two pre-dental years in the Faculty of Arts, as is the case for students in Medicine. The standard for both Arts and Applied Science has also been raised, sixty per cent being now called for on the whole and not less than 40 in any subject for Arts and 50 per cent for Applied Science. In Arts, Music has been added as an optional subject for the First Year. In the Faculty of Applied Science the main changes were the abolition of Shopwork and the substitution for it of Engineering Problems and the History of Science in the First Year.

Attendance and Degrees Granted.

The attendance in the various Faculties for the session 1925-26 was

less than that for 1924-25 by 115. The main decreases were in the Faculties of Dentistry and Applied Science, whilst there was a slight increase in the Faculty of Arts. The decreases were due in part to the raising of the entrance standard and in part to commercial and industrial conditions.

At the semi-annual Convocation, held on October 6th last, 38 degrees in courses were conferred, some from almost every Faculty and Department of the University.

Intercollegiate Competitions.

The record in this connection has been singularly unsatisfactory, more particularly in the matter of athletics. The probable cause for this is that the material for the making of winning teams is not forthcoming to the extent that it is in the universities of Ontario. There are few schools in Quebec where sport occupies a prominent place whilst the opposite is the case in the adjoining Province, with its large English-speaking population. There is always less chance for the early development of team work in the case of a University which draws its students from such wide areas as McGill. Valuable time at the outset of the season has to be spent in moulding material into form, whilst in universities where students come in large batches a considerable amount of the necessary team play has been already developed. One feature, however, which was somewhat discouraging this year was the fact that better results were obtained in the early part of the session than at the close, which would seem to indicate that either the sporting spirit of doing the best possible had given way before discouraging defeats or that the time which should have been given to practice was instead devoted to the proper work of a student—study. If the latter was the case there is not much to be said, but if not, the record cannot be considered creditable. However, prospects are brighter and there is some ground to hope that in the near future—perhaps nearer than we expect—McGill will again assume a high place in the field of intercollegiate sports. We were not more successful in the debating competition, but that can be remedied. This was simply our off year.

Conclusion.

On the whole however, although not a spectacular, it has been a satisfactory session. Much quiet work has been done and steady progress made. There have been no unpleasant incidents. The conduct of the students with one slight and almost pardonable exception, has been excellent. In consequence of this the reputation of the University has been greatly enhanced and it stands high in the estimation of the citizens of Montreal to whom it must naturally look for a large measure of support. All of which is surely as it should be.



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Sports Review of 1925-26

By D. A. MACDONALD

As far as championships were concerned, the sport season of 1925-26 was far from being a brilliant one. In the fourteen branches of inter-collegiate sport, only three McGill teams succeeded in winning the honours. Of last year's six championships but three were retained, and no new championships were brought to McGill. The old standbys, the tennis, water polo and soccer teams again finished on top; the win in the tennis tournament marking the sixth consecutive victory and the water polo team taking the laurels for the thirteenth time or every meet since the inauguration of the series. McGill again lost in the three major sports with Queen's taking the rugby and University of Toronto winning the track and the hockey. The track championship was lost after McGill had held in since 1915 by winning six consecutive meets. Varsity again took an easy victory in the hockey marking their eight straight win in this division. The Blue and White squad were again in the finals for the Allan Cup and repeated last year's performance by losing out to Port Arthur, though after a bitterly contested series of four games. Queen's again swept through the senior rugby schedule without a defeat but lost out to Ottawa in the finals, a team that McGill had previously beaten in an exhibition game. In the minor sports Varsity won six championships while McGill took three and Queen's the other two.

In rugby—probably the sport that holds the greatest interest for all undergraduates—Queen's was victorious and piled up something like their twenty-fourth consecutive victory since they began their winning streak three years ago. Ottawa was the first to break the long string of victories and incidentally won the Dominion championship with that game. McGill had previously beaten Ottawa in an exhibition game and the consensus of opinion is that Ottawa were much better that day than when they played McGill or that Queen's were very much worse than in the games they played with McGill. The Intermediate rugby team went a long way in the finals, but were finally eliminated by St. Mike's, though beating the Irish team on a snow-covered gridiron in the return game by a 7 to 0 score. The St. Mike's squad had previously won 18 to 4 in Toronto which easily gave them the round. The Juniors were eliminated in the local intercollegiate series by Loyola after some very close games. The Wood Trophy, emblematic of the inter-faculty championship, was won this year by Medicine who took it away from Science, last year's holders, and then successfully defended it against a strong team from Macdonald College.

The senior hockey team, after starting out brilliantly, fell by the wayside and lost their last games with Queen's and U. of M. They succeeded, however, in wresting the Beaubien Cup from U. of M. in the two holiday games and making a very favorable showing in the trip during the Christmas holidays. On the States tour, they won two and lost two games and brought a crowd of ten thousand people to see them play in Boston and New York. The Juniors and Intermediates fared no better and did not get into the play-offs. The inter-class hockey was won by Medicine IV, who took the count of Commerce III by a 3 to 0 score in the finals.

The track title after resting with McGill since 1914 was won by Toronto in a hotly contested meet, with the Blue and White winning out by a five point margin. One intercollegiate record was broken when Patterson ran the 220 hurdles in 26 4-5 sec. made by Sid Pierce in Kingston in 1924. Science won the interfaculty meet easily by a total of twenty four points over their nearest opponents. Two college records went by the boards when Patterson did the 220 hurdle race in 26 and four-fifth seconds, and Consiglio broke the pole vault record with a jump of 11 ft. 2 1/2 inches. The old records were held by Pierce and Galoury respectively, and were made in 1924. The freshmen again won the freshman-sophomore track meet by edging out five points ahead of their so-called betters, the sophomores. Graduation is ripping big holes into the track team this year, and Coach Van Wagner is depending on the freshmen to form the team that will bring back the championship to McGill.

The Basketball, the most important of the minor sports, was won this year by Queen's, who played a steady game all year to win out from such strong teams as Western and Toronto. McGill was woefully weak in this sport this year, and the seniors won only one game, that here from Varsity, by a very small margin. The Intermediates, however, showed fine form all year, and despite a poor start finished in a tie for second place in their league. They also demonstrated their wares in the practices by giving the seniors some beatings. The inter-class basketball championship was won by Medicine III., who defeated the Arts freshmen in a closely contested game. The Presbyterians won the inter-theological title, due no doubt, in a large measure, to the efforts of Errol Amaron.

Varsity again won the intercollegiate assault-at-arms which was held this year in Kingston. Their victory, however, came after one of the bitterest and most-closely contested fights in years and only through the default of a McGill boxer through a broken hand were Varsity able to nose out with a two-point win. Varsity now nine points in the assault.

McGill took seven bouts and Queen's won one. Three McGill boxers and three wrestlers are now intercollegiate champions while Cresthol took the fencing honours, realizing an ambition of six year's standing. The inter-faculty tournament saw good bouts in all weights and brought to light the find of the season, Don Keller, who won both the heavy and light-heavyweight boxing championship of the college.

The soccer team again repeated this year and succeeded in retaining the championship. In the two games with R. M. C. and Varsity they scored seven goals to their opponents nil. On the United States trip, they broke even, winning one, losing one and drawing one, and made a very favorable showing. The soccer team will play again in the States next year against the same three colleges, Yale Springfield and West Point.

Wright and Leslie won the doubles, and Wright took the singles title in the Intercollegiate tennis tournament held at McGill last October. This marked the sixth consecutive for the McGill colours on the court. The McGill pair played exceedingly fine tennis to win over Nunns and Ham of Varsity who are both exceptionally fine players. Jack Wright also won the Dr. Martin Cup, emblematic of the college championship, beating his team mate Leslie. Leslie and Wright will both be back at college next year which augurs well for McGill's hopes on the court.

Golf, now a three year old institution, went to Varsity who made a clean sweep and won all six contests. This marks the second triumph for Varsity in this sport, McGill having won the honours in the first year of its inception. Such famous personages as Don Carrick, Dominion amateur champion, Joe Sullivan, the famous goalie and Jack Porter were this year's Varsity golf team. The McGill team was composed of Warde Allan, W. A. Clark, J. Marler, T. B. Walsh, W. Wilson and Jim Brierley.

Toronto won their third straight intercollegiate championship in the English Rugby, and have held the title since rugger was made an intercollegiate sport. The McGill team this year was weakened by the graduation of five regulars and were much too light for their opponents. However, most of this year's squad will be back and there is a rumour that a couple of very good men are coming to college next fall and will do a lot to bolster up the team. There is also some talk of sending the team to New Brunswick next year to bring back the MacTier Cup.

The Gymnastic title was another title that went to Varsity that had previously rested at McGill. The meet his year was an exceedingly close one and the Blue and White performers nosed out by only a very small margin. Chorolsky of Varsity was the star performer of the meet, while McGill's two best representatives were Consiglio and Caron. Later in the year, the University of Pennsylvania team came here in what is believed to be the first international gymn meet to be held here and the meet ended in a victory for the Americans. The Wicksteed meet in February was won by Consiglio who nosed out over Bremner by two points.

The Water Polo team again came through with the honours making the thirteenth consecutive victory for the McGill mermen since the inauguration of the sport. The thing is getting to be a habit with the poloists, and if Varsity doesn't win it soon, people will begin to lose interest in the affair. The polo team won the round 5 to 4. The swimmers, however, were not so fortunate and were beaten out by Varsity by 43 points to 24. Varsity came down with a very strong team and the Red and White squad were not match for the veterans from Toronto. Lorenzen of Toronto showed his wares to good advantage when he broke the 100 yard breast stroke, making the distance in the fast time of 1 min. and 20 sec. The old record was 1 min and 20 4-5 secs. held by Clayton Bourne of McGill. Dartmouth sent a team up to McGill in the middle of the winter, and the Green squad proved too strong for the college team. Other visitors were Ottawa, who, however were beaten here and in Ottawa by the McGill swimmers.

Queen's again won the Intercollegiate Rifle meet making it their second straight victory. McGill was placed seventh on the list but in reality not many points separated them from the leaders as all teams this year were closely bunched together in the final scoring.

Varsity took the InterCollegiate Harrier title from R. M. C. winning the event on places although Trenouth of Queen's lead the field. The Queen's man ran a wonderful race and broke the record by some 17 4-5 seconds, doing the 5.6 miles in the remarkable time of 32 min. 28 1-5 seconds. The old record was made by Wallie Goforth in 1922. Science won the interfaculty harrier race on places, though Rubin of Medicine lead the field.

In the Intercollegiate Ski and Snowshoe meet held here, McGill was returned an easy winner over teams from Loyola and Middlebury. There were no entries this year from Dartmouth. The Winter Carnival held this year at Dartmouth was won by New Hampshire with McGill placing third. Dartmouth took second place and Williams was fourth. The mail order chess game, according to Abe Edel, is still proceeding briskly and Abe tells us that it will probably last two years more at least. McGill is holding a slight lead over the University of Oklahoma and excitement is at a high pitch. It is interesting to note that McGill Chess team won two cups this year and will doubtless be recognized soon as a minor sport.

Such then is the review of sports of the season of 1925-26; not a very edifying one to read from the point of championships. Probably never before has it been necessary to record such a poor year in sport activities. It is, moreover, hard to offer an explanation offhand, but McGill's failure to make a showing in intercollegiate sport circles can be attributed in a good measure to what is known as an off year. What

has probably happened is that we have reached the end of the swing of the pendulum so often referred to in the editorial columns this year. One thing at least is certain, the pendulum cannot swing much farther out and things are bound to improve. Certain it is that conditions cannot get worse. Some small comfort may be had from this fact.

At the present time there is every indication that things will improve and that forces are at work to send the pendulum back on the right swing again. It is very hard right now to make any sort of prophecies, but it can be said in all truth that prospects are really bright in most lines of sport. Starting from rugby—the sport that holds the interest of most undergraduates—the chances for a successful season next fall are particularly good. Queen's crack team seems to be on the verge of

RUGBY AND HOCKEY CAPTAINS



Philpott and Abbott graduate this year.



graduation at last and those who are left do not shape up as a championship rugby team. What kind of a squad they will field next fall is entirely another question, but right now they do not look like serious contenders for the Intercollegiate honours. Varsity, on the other hand, are losing only a couple of the stars and will be dangerous contenders for the honours next year even if the ranks are not swelled by any startling newcomers—which too is unlikely. Varsity possesses the advantage of being a great drawing card to all youthful stars in the Ontario high schools and can always be relied upon to send forth a strong representation. Graduation is causing the exodus of three crack linemen on the McGill squad and the job to fill these holes will add grey hairs to Coach Shaughnessy's already silvery locks next fall.

Experts tell us that rugby games are won nowadays by the team with two good outside wings and a star kicker. At least, that's how the gentlemen from Ottawa explain how the Senators happened to beat Queens in the mud that day in the Capital City. McGill possesses the star kicker in St. Germain so the rugby enthusiasts would do well to start praying now for the outside wings. They might recommend in their prayers one Curley Taylor who in the Intermediate games seemed like a good bid for one of the outside positions.

As far as hockey is concerned, Varsity seems to have developed the bad habit of going after the Allan Cup which automatically puts them out of McGill's class. Varsity have retained the hockey championship since 1914 and seem to have a permanent hold on the title. Situated in the home of hockey players, Toronto seems to be in a very fair position to keep on winning the series until the other three clubs give up the competition as a bad job. However, with several of the stars of this year's Blue and White squad graduating and only two leaving the McGill ranks, it is not too much to hope that next year's games will develop into a close race.

McGill's track prospects are none too good for next year. Several of the star performers like Hurd and Patterson have run their last race for McGill and graduation will cause a decimation of the ranks. McGill's chances on the cinder track next year will depend mostly on the improvement of those now running in McGill colours as it is too much to expect that many freshmen will be prominent in the first year in college. McGill's best bet next year seems to be in the field events, where most of the veterans of this year's team will be again in the harness.

The soccer manager reports that next year's squad will be the best ever, superior even to the team that swept through the intercollegiate series this year. If they are as good as the soccer team this year, that will be good enough. The rugger team also expects some new material to bolster up its ranks and is already talking of a trip to New Brunswick to bring back the MacTier Cup. In tennis Leslie and Wright

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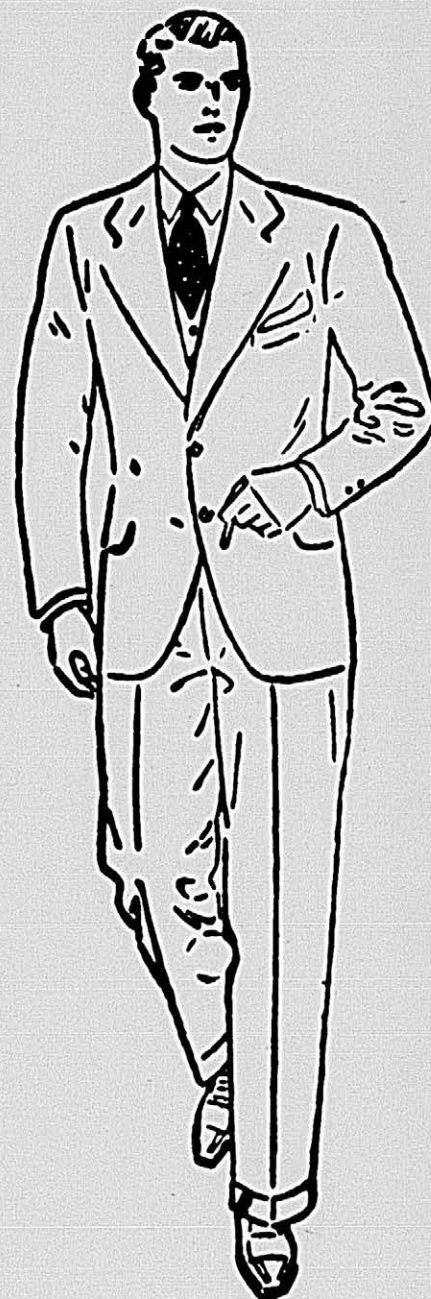
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will both be back in college and look like sure winners in the court championship. The basketball squad will be considerably strengthened by some of the members of this year's intermediate squad and will be practically intact again next year. The swimmers also will present a formidable line-up and the present Junior team will, if not next year, at least in a couple more seasons develop into one of the finest squads in the country. The unholy triumvirate, the boxers, wrestlers and fencers look like the strongest prospects of all. There does not seem to be one man graduating from the entire three teams and after this year's favorable showing can be expected to do big things in the way of hitting, twisting and slashing. Of golf and harrier, it is hard to make any predictions, and no one but a lunatic would say that the Rifle Association will not have a banner year. The Ski and Snowshoe Club is developing some promising material and can be expected to make a good showing in the winter carnivals next year. And McGill has a lead in the mail order chess tournament.

Class of 1926

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doorbells and vacuum-cleaners on the rocks in the next few years. Representatives of this group have been making names for themselves in one way and another during the past year. The long-legged boy, Art Abbot has been puck-chasing wherever there was any ice to be found. Costigan and Rutherford also have been tripping about with planks on their pedal extremities and bamboo walking sticks. Up at the power house such names as Archambault and Weames have been mentioned as the record holders for short circuits and breaker openings. Two of the best authorities in the new shows in town are known as Allison and Lister both of the above group. Two others decided to show their broad-mindedness and gave the medicals some practice. Gray-Donald spent quite a time at the Alexandra trying out the various kinds of kid's diseases. The other one, Ken Reid, not having so much time to spare, got into an argument with the driving belt of a motor and retired to the R.V.H. (not the R.V.C.) for a few days and had some bones set.

Quite a lot could be said about the others making up the electricals but it would be "nothing to speak about." It is rumored that the stock of some of the electrical companies will be booming this summer due to the addition to these bright boys to their staffs. Take a tip and lay in some stock.

Among the Mechanicals that will speed up production and design power plants *par excellence* are graduating.

Art Branscombe, the class's most dissonating musician who is writing a new piece, "This is the song of the harpy. Impinge the paws for Charles Comes hitherward." He will return in search of fresh knowledge with Elec. '27. "Bosun" Phil Hughes announces to the world, of which he has seen much, that he will keep up his load of knowledge well afloat on the administrative seas. Valentine W. G. Wilson after biting off a large piece of Aeronautics will set sail for his Native Erin on a "Vesseau de la Vache." Chas. Herscovitch and K. W. G. Patterson, the most industrial men in the class may return to take a post grad. course in "the job analysis of standard holes." J. Edgar Dion, "Eddie" Sci. '26, captain of the Science football squad, etc., will spend the remainder of his existence trying to finish the story of how he made his first million in aluminum. George Pringle, otherwise Jo, is just going to Three Rivers and be mayor, while Don MacDiarmid, friend to Jo, hopes to have knocked his way through the doors of captivity by June 1st, and will say no more. Joligny Murray, by the grace of the faculty, President of the Mechanical Club and member of Science '26, will graduate. His great experience in Arts and Science will enable him to be Master Mechanic with the Junior League Revue next year. Robert C. Simon, "Jack", exponent of the French, Italian and Scotch languages, will settle down with the Imperial Oil. Ralph Dawson, "Sleepy," is taking back to Winnipeg a huge cup, won at a rifle match by his dealing out bad cannons to his opponents. Lastly, but by no means least comes Reginald, "Hus" Wallace who was offered up for sacrifice last month in the cause of 18-B. He holds several records among them being a long distance swim to Grand Mere. He came back by train, so he narrates, with a job from now on.

the withdrawal of their little playmate Ernest Mules. Ernie has been very ill but is convalescing now and expects to rejoin by next fall.

Wibb Pinhey, diminutive "lifer" of Metallurgy has had his sentence reduced to six years and will graduate this year with big Noyes. The miners, after six years of burrowing in the archives on the barysphere, the hemisphere, hydrosphere and litosphere have finally emerged to get the rewards of the burrowing. Leigh Bladon and Don Cooper intend to journey across part of the hydrosphere to look over some of the dark-eyed senoritas of Sunny Spain. Hank Airey and Hal Riordan unable to resist the lure of gold have visited the Montreal pound to get a set of huskies to drak to Red Lake. Airey reported that he is going of his own will. "Butch" Ross let fall the remark while viewing "Aloma" through high-powered field glasses, that he would probably ship as a deckhand for Samoa, and hoped that he would be able to return by fall. Alf Monville and Dick Barrett are for Peru. Barrett will seek copper and Manville Oil. Teddy Roome will exploit the cinnabar mine in the Rockies. He said it is a good thing. "Little" Moore will turn bog trotter at Alfred, Ontario. Pat Hare, after a visit to the Old Land hopes to settle in South Africa. Lloyd Almond will spend the summer months removing the telephone and magazines from the Engineering Building.

A Survey of Undergraduate Activity

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fee for each student in that faculty, and it is interesting to observe the different directions in which these societies expend their energies and revenue. Of the larger ones, Medicine and Commerce carry out active programmes with regular meetings but Arts seems content to subsidize an Annual Banquet, the *Fortnightly Review*, etc.

But more interesting still is the fact that very loose and inadequate accounting methods have been employed in handling receipts and expenditures involving several hundreds of dollars during a year's operations. The Council, therefore, with the co-operation of Prof. R. R. Thompson, appointed last year an Auditing Committee of two students from the Department of Commerce to examine the books of the Undergraduate Societies and report to the Students' Council. Mr. H. M. Milne and W. O. Sharp constituted this committee, and carried out their duties in an extremely efficient and painstaking manner. Of the six undergraduate societies, for those of Law and Science, no accounts at all had been kept for the year 1924-25. In their reports of the other four societies, two were found to have kept correct and adequate accounts during the year 1924-25, viz., the Commercial Undergraduate Society and the Medical Undergraduate Society. Following their audit of the books of the Arts Undergraduate and Dental Undergraduate Societies they reported in each case that the work of the Treasurer had been "very defective," and suggested that the "incoming treasurer be given a definite understanding as to the requirements he is to fulfill." Specific instances of slipshod methods were cited, e.g., "no record of monies received has been kept," "vouchers for cash payments are entirely lacking," etc.

Consequently the Council this year has prepared an almost fool-proof loose leaf sheet accounting system, which is extremely simple, yet sufficient for the needs of any undergraduate society. Instructions for its use are printed on the reverse of each sheet, and these will be distributed next fall to the different societies.

FRATERNITIES.

It cannot be said that there is a fraternity problem at McGill. At several other universities on the continent the question of fraternities and their relation to the student body in general and to the "neutrals" or non-fraternity men in particular, has been the subject of much discussion, and even of investigation and report by specially appointed committees. The effect of fraternities upon their members is in general very beneficial. With or without the fraternity system, groups of men living and eating together would naturally form, if left to themselves. The fraternity attempts to make these groups as congenial and as comfortable as possible, and adds to this a very real benefit in the nature of advice, discipline and direction of activity, and in a university without residences or dormitories, they have an added *raison d'être*. If any criticism may be made, here it is, that the fraternities fall short on the academic or intellectual side of advice and discipline.

There are at present 22 fraternities at McGill, with a total active membership of approximately 550 in a student registration of 1,700 (32%). But compare this with the figures of many other universities where fraternity membership is 65-75% of the total registration, and where fraternity feeling borders closely on open friction.

In 1906 (in a registration of 1,127) there were 9 fraternities at McGill, and in 1919 (in a registration of 1,881), 12 fraternities. The tendency for new houses to be established, therefore, seems to have become marked during the past seven or eight years.

An encouraging feature of fraternity life at McGill is the absence of friction between fraternity men and "neutrals." The latter include some of the finest men in the University, and seldom is fraternity affiliation referred to in connection with athletics or other campus activities. The *Daily* does not, for instance, report rushing results, the *Annual* and *Daily* mention no individual fraternity alliance in biographies, and there are no fraternity booths to be seen at a college dance at McGill.

The freshman rule for fraternities has been mooted at McGill, and offers, I think, so many advantages that it should be seriously considered by the Interfraternity Council next year. Under it a man would not be permitted to join a fraternity until he enters his sophomore year, and this might even apply to the graduate schools, Medicine, Dentistry, etc. It would eliminate many academic failures who "make a frat." during their first year at college, would raise the academic standard in fraternities, and would, in addition, provide a period of adjustment for the incoming student during which he might obtain a broader sense of comradeship and loyalty. For, after all, loyalty to a fraternity should always be secondary to service to the University itself.

LIMITATION OF ACTIVITIES.

The system of qualification and limitation in athletics has worked so well that I believe it might wisely be extended to include other activities. In spite of all counsel and advice there are still cases where academic failure can justly be attributed directly to an excessive participation in extra-curricular activities. And the individual is not always to blame. For the student body in general shows a tendency to corral a man, who indicates a versatility of interest and ability, and foist too much work on his shoulders.

To overcome such a situation, to ensure a more equal division of work, and to protect the individual himself, a Committee on Limitation of Activities, would, I think, assist greatly. The detail of its personnel would have to be worked out, but a suggestion is that it be composed of

the Dean (or a member of the faculty appointed by him) of each faculty, the President of the Students' Council and two other seniors, to be appointed by the Council. The Faculty representative would, of course, assist in dealing with cases only of students of his particular faculty. In operation the approval of this Committee would be necessary before a man could hold an office involving much time or work.

THE MCGILL UNION.

This important centre of student activity is owned by the University, but administered and controlled by the students through two bodies, 1, an Executive of three men (President, Vice-President and Secretary), who are elected by a general vote and for whom rooms are provided in the building, and, 2, a House Committee, composed of representatives of each faculty and elected separately by these faculties. The President of the Union, *ex officio*, is a member of the Council. This is the organization as it has existed for many years, but since 1919, at the request of the Union Executive and House Committee at that time, the finances of the Union have been controlled directly by the Council and, as with other subsidiaries, the Treasurer of the Council is Treasurer of the Union.

It would seem that here a re-organization might well be effected. There is much which the President and possibly the two other members of the Executive may do, but the House Committee, as it now exists, is merely ornamental and serves no useful purpose.

The upkeep and repairs of the Union is a heavy burden, but it should not again be let run for several years without renovation. Here it may be mentioned that the original agreement with the University, when responsibility for the Union was assumed by the Council, provided that the University would pay for all major repairs. But in practice this has been accepted as meaning any repairs necessary for the preservation only of the building, i.e., roofing, masonry, etc., and does not include redecoration or refurnishing. The cost of the latter was very heavy during the session 1924-25 for little had been done during the preceding years, and this, with the loss incurred by the Cafeteria, resulted in a very unfavourable debit balance. The Union is fortunate in having as Manager of the Cafeteria, the extremely efficient and popular *Pierre*, who is none other than Mr. Fred W. Honegger. Always he is alert and anxious to please the students.

During the past year, under the Presidency of Mr. Jamieson, closer attention has been given to the operating revenue and expenditure of the Union by the Executive, and the result will be reflected in the annual financial report of the Council. The report of the President of the Union which appeared in the *McGill Daily* of March 22nd, 1926, is recommended to the student body for more than ordinary perusal.

THE MCGILL DAILY.

The history of the *Daily* is the history of the student body. It has been the subject of much criticism and much praise, but a consideration of the problems which such an undergraduate publication has to face should provoke admiration from even the cynical professor, the critical student and the hypercritical graduate.

During the past year the Council was subject to some condemnation by individual students because the Literary Supplement of the year before could not, for financial reasons, be continued as a separate tabloid four page paper. Every effort was made to effect a compromise, and two full pages of one issue of the *Daily* each week were offered (cut separately from the rest of the paper, but preserving the same style of make-up). But this was refused by the Literary Editors, and they decided to withdraw altogether and attempt an independent publication. The *Fortnightly Review* was the result.

The question of editorial responsibility and control which has been broached periodically for several years, was again brought up this year. A rather dramatic *coup d'état* was attempted early in November and, although it resulted in the acceptance of the resignation of two members of the Managing Board, the conference between the Council, the Advisory Board of the Council and the whole *Daily* staff, which was provoked by this occurrence, indicated clearly that any difficulties were due to misconception and misinterpretation. The Managing Board of the *Daily* was re-organized and was now composed of undergraduates only:—Mr. Miles Gordon, who continued as Editor-in-Chief, and Mr. D. A. MacDonald as Managing Editor. These two with Mr. T. H. Harris as News Editor have comprised the *Daily* triumvirate, and, with an exceptionally capable news staff, they have done extremely efficient work. A vigorous and able managing board has been chosen for next year, and there is every indication for the future success of the *Daily*.

Perhaps an outstanding weakness in the business management of the *Daily* is the subscription department, and it is encouraging to know that the plans for next year include an energetic campaign in this direction. At the present time, only a small percentage of the readers of the *Daily* who are on the teaching staff of the University are paid subscribers.

THE RED AND WHITE REVUE.

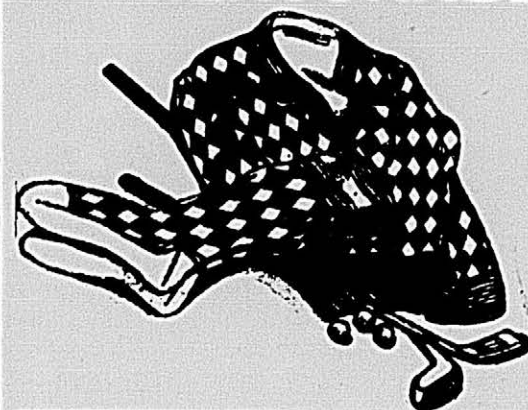
That the annual Revue has shown remarkable development and improvement each year since its re-establishment in 1923, no one will deny. It has become the third largest activity in connection with the Council, and may be considered to serve a three-fold purpose in that, 1, it is a representative McGill University student production, unique in its magnitude and diversity among similar productions of other Canadian universities, and, 2, it establishes an additional and important contact between the University and the public, and, 3, it is a revenue producer for the operation of other activities.

It has, I believe, however, progressed as far as it can in its present

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form, and must now evolve into either a straight dramatic offering or a musical comedy with some continuity. The former is more the province of the Players' Club, and I think, therefore, the musical show offers the greatest opportunity. The work of the last two years must prove that the great weakness of the Revue is the "skit." With few exceptions they have been empty, inane, obviously amateurish and too local in appeal. With the wealth of musical talent which exists at McGill, with the co-operation of the women students of the R.V.C. and M.S.P.E., without whom it would be difficult indeed to produce a Revue, and with the scenic ability which has been displayed by students of architecture, it should not be impossible to offer a real Revue of merit, built on the plans of a musical comedy. It would mean also a smaller cast and less loss of time from academic work, especially if it were possible to have the material written and plans completed earlier in the session.

The Red and White Revue of 1926 did not prove as great a financial success as that of the preceding year. The gross receipts were larger, but the expenses of the show, with the exception of music, were much higher. Much credit and praise is due to those who took part in the Revue, and particularly to those silent workers on committees who do not enjoy the glare of the footlights and the applause of the audiences.

The clamor for a student night might well be complied with, now that rowdyism has been so effectively discountenanced, and the opening night appears to be the best choice. It would absorb the shocks which are inevitable to an initial performance, and would assist in launching the production successfully for the balance of its run.

The Revue has come to stay, but it must be improved if it is to hold the patronage of the Montreal public.

THE ANNUAL (OLD MCGILL.)

The responsibility for this publication was assumed last year, but the relationship between the *Annual* Board and the Council is again mainly a financial one. But the *Annual* Board itself has been reorganized and reduced in number. Their work this year under Mr. Allan Ross as Editor-in-Chief, and Mr. Ross Harkness as Business Manager, speaks for itself in the splendid volume which has just been issued.

THE DIRECTORY OF STUDENTS.

This was just issued in 1924-25, and the present *Directory* is therefore the second at McGill. Its usefulness has been universal on the campus and could be improved only if some means were devised to collect and compile the data earlier in the autumn. *Directories* are issued free not only to members of the Students' Society, but also to women students and to all branches of the University.

THE HANDBOOK OF MCGILL.

For the past two years this has been edited and published by the Students' Council, in co-operation with the S. C. A. and the Athletic Board. Formerly it was sold to Freshmen by the S. C. A. It is now given free of charge to every member of the Students' Society, and this is made possible only by the increased sale of advertising.

MUSICAL ASSOCIATION.

All three units have been exceptionally active during the past year. The McGill Mandolin Club, under Mr. Persk, played a week at the Palace Theatre, and other concerts would have been held had accommodation and date been available. The McGill Music Club, under Mr. Hart, held the Louis Graveure Recital, and have now paid in full for the Concert Grand piano which was purchased the previous year. The McGill University Band (formerly the Rooters' Band), continued its activity throughout the year and, under the guidance of Mr. E. M. Casey, added still more to the prestige which it acquired the previous year with Mr. R. Logan as Director. They accompanied the Senior Rugby Team to Toronto on November 14th, played at senior rugby and hockey games throughout the year, and broadcast a radio programme. A system of insignia awards has been worked out, and the Band is now one of the most promising and active organizations on the campus.

The McGill Choral Society (an outgrowth of the former Glee Club) has now a hybrid membership, as it includes both men and women students. The Council contributed to its expenses a year ago, but the relationship and responsibility between the two bodies during the past year has not been definite. This should be clearly understood in future if the Choral Society is to remain in the Musical Association.

Perhaps more effective work might be done if the several units of the Musical Association were brought closer together by regular meetings and co-operative work.

THE PLAYERS' CLUB.

The Players Club was organized in the fall of 1924 to provide a proper medium through which such ability might find an effective outlet and be given scope for adequate development and the talent shown by a group of students in the production of several bills of short plays during the past two years has fully justified its formation.

Their work has been handicapped by the lack of a theatre, and only the kindness of Professor Lloyd, who put a large lecture room in the Biology Building at their disposal, has permitted them to carry out their programme. It is hoped, however, that the Dean Moyse Memorial Hall of the New Arts Building will be available for the productions of the Players' Club, and that from the present efforts there will evolve a University Theatre.

The value of a University theatre to McGill and to the public can be made very great indeed if it can be developed along the right lines of freedom from unnecessary inhibitions.

THE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

In establishing an employment bureau for students, the Council hoped thus to afford another service to the student body. During the Summer of 1925 the plan of organization and operation of similar bureaus in several other large universities was obtained and studied, and from these, at extremely little expense, a system was devised to meet the requirements at McGill. The result has been more successful than was ever anticipated.

Miss Heasley, as Secretary, has had charge of the Employment Bureau, and her report covering the first six months of its work indicates not only the existence of an need for such a service, but also the efficiency of its operation. During that time 274 men and 36 women students registered, and 85% of these were offered employment. Records show that at least 178 were placed in positions or provided with part time or temporary work. A great number of students were provided with work during the Christmas holiday season, and many more have secured summer employment through the bureau.

The service is free, and contact with employers is made mainly by correspondence. Its recognition has been rapid, and applications are now frequently received for graduates to fill full time permanent positions. The diversity of employment offered is interesting in that it embraces almost everything from waiters and cattlemen to tutors and engineers, and already during the first year of its activity, several thousands of dollars have been earned by students who took advantage of the service.

THE SCARLET KEY SOCIETY.

The establishment of this Society was decided upon by the Council a year ago, and only after careful consideration and study. But there were numerous protests against the introduction of a foreign idea, and much time and newspaper space was used in an effort to prove that a plan originating in an American University must necessarily be a particular pernicious one. It was urged by those who had little or no experience in the matter of meeting and looking after visiting teams that a strictly Canadian method, no matter how inadequate or bungling, was preferable.

Before actual organization, therefore, the question was referred to the Students' Society. At a general meeting on October 21, 1925, the action of the Council was upheld by an overwhelming majority, and the Scarlet Key was born. With Mr. Ney Gordon as its first President, it has functioned quietly but smoothly and well, and many critics who at first misunderstood its function, now praise its operation. Membership in the Scarlet Key is, and should be, one of the highest honours to be attained on the McGill Campus.

The fiscal year will end on June 30th, 1926, and any financial report at the present time can only give approximate figures. But it may be said safely that the financial status of the Council this year is better than it was for 1924-25. The chief contributing factors for this are (1) the decrease of loss incurred by the Union (the Cafeteria mainly), (2) the improved finances of the *Daily*, and (3) a surplus from the *Annual*.

Last year an accumulated surplus of \$5,000 was invested in 6% bonds, and the Council believes that this should be held as a reserve to provide against a possible future contingency.

It is probably not necessary to comment on the many and various other matters which have come before the Council during the past two years. An earnest attempt has been made to report as fully as possible in the *McGill Daily* each meeting of the Council, in order that the student body might be kept in touch with its work. The changed system of freshman rushing, the plan by which future dates (dances, etc.), require to be approved by the Council, and other such details have been only part of the general activity.

In declining to take the initiative in the organization of a Canadian National Union of Students, as proposed by Mr. May, of the Imperial Debating Team, the Council felt that the necessity for its formation was too indefinite, that the advantages which it might offer were too vague, and that the success of its operation was too doubtful to be attempted at the present time. McGill will, however, be glad to co-operate should the N. U. S. be established in Canada.

It is felt that a more useful and effective institution would be a Canadian Association of Student Councils. For with such a means of contact with other universities, plans for organization, systems of operation and advice covering all sides of student activity might be easily and profitably exchanged.

The relations of the Council with the Principal and the Governing Bodies of the University have been most pleasant, and particularly valuable has been the co-operation and assistance which we have received at all times from Col. W. Bovey.

The men whom you have elected to serve with me on the Students' Council have carried out their duties in a painstaking and loyal manner, and have been without exception capable and energetic representatives. And Mr. "Finnie" Fletcher had been an ideal and efficient Secretary-Treasurer, approachable at all times to the student body and sympathetic in his attitude to them. To the loyalty and labour of these men and to the splendid co-operation of the student body in general must be attributed any success which may have attended the efforts of the Students' Executive Council during the past two years.

(Signed) BASIL C. MacLEAN,
President.

Fifteen Years Of Undergraduate Journalism

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Gilbert H. Fletcher, a graduate as advertising manager, and under "Finney" all has since gone well with that department of the work.

During that week in January that the *Daily* did not appear, there was considerable explaining to do, and John L. O'Brien, who was editor-in-chief at the time, found that the position he held was certainly no sinecure.

The greatest improvement in the outward appearance of the *Daily* was made in the fall of 1924, when all advertising matter was removed from the front page. There never was any doubt on the part of the editorial department that such a move would be wise and it was long projected. It remained but to complete much business detail in connection with the change, and this was finally done during the summer of 1924. The result was a newspaper at once more pleasing to the eye, and this notwithstanding the fact that the use of seven column heads during the first month or so of the term, was altogether too promiscuous. But as regards "layout" the *Daily* chose to learn by the road of experiment, sometimes a rough path. At the present time, the *Daily* appears, except when the occasion demands otherwise, in a most conservative garb, and there is every indication that is the policy that will be followed out for the next year.

The same year saw the inauguration of the famous Literary Supplement, an organ which was to have but one year of life. The Supplement was created as a medium of literary expression and as such it served well. Much controversy raged about it, and several minor turmoils were started by the sentiment of articles and poems which it contained. When the session 1925-26 opened the Supplement did not reappear; not because of the objection urged by some to its content, but because the financial position of the Students' Executive Council was none too sound. But this is all current history, these are facts that all of us know.

The historian is always tempted to prognosticate and to this temptation we succumb without any difficulty, but our prognostication will be brief. In another undergraduate journal the "college daily" has been described as *disastrous*. The nature of the article in question leads the ordinary reader to believe that the author had in mind *McGill Daily* particularly. It is the opposite that we prognosticate for the *Daily*. If

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it continue to improve slowly, first in one direction and then in another, as it has done for the past fifteen years, there is no chance of its becoming disastrous. On the contrary it should evolve into a newspaper of sufficient merit to show the way to others in the field of journalism.

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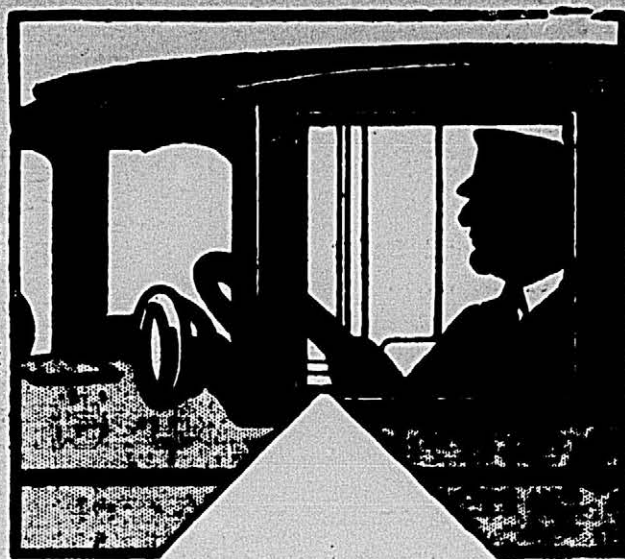
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